

BONDSMAN GIVES UP TWO PLOT SUSPECTS

Sekanna and Chakraborty Go
to Tombs When Surety
Company Withdraws.

THEIR PLANS DEEP LAID

Had Conferences With Anar-
chist Leaders—Cryptic Mes-
sages From Many Women.

An unexpected and sensational turn in the case of Ernst Matthias Sekanna, German, and Dr. Chandra Chakraborty, Hindu nationalist, was furnished yesterday afternoon when the officials of the National Surety Company delivered the two men to United States Commissioner Hitecock and asked for the revocation of the bonds of \$25,000 which the company had given in behalf of the two defendants.

The two men were arrested on a Federal complaint accusing them of starting a military enterprise in the United States against India, but the expressions of officers of the surety company gave the impression, strongly reinforced by Washington advices, that the two defendants may have been connected with conspiracies against the United States.

Joel Hathorne, vice-president of the National Surety Company, said the company took the position that it cannot be suspected of being allied in any way with any interest which is attacking the United States. He said the moment the nature of the charge against the German and the Bengalee was called to the attention of the officers of the company they took the position that, in view of the break with Germany and the expression of Foreign Minister Zimmermann's plans to attack the United States through Mexico and Japan as well as in the present case, the company could not remain on the ball bonds of the two men.

Are Sent to the Tombs.

The two defendants were taken to court at 4 o'clock in the company of their attorneys, Charles H. Griffiths and William L. Womack, both formerly Assistant United States Attorneys. The bonds were forfeited and the two men spent the night in the Tombs. Their attorneys said that bail will be produced this morning.

The Federal Grand Jury began in the afternoon to hear the evidence against the two men, but did not go on because the presence of Capt. Thomas J. Tunney of the bomb squad and Detective George Barnitz was needed at the trial of the men in the subway bomb case. The presentation of evidence will continue to-day. Meantime the Federal prosecutors have their lips absolutely sealed and are permitted to give no facts to the public beyond arrests and the formal charge.

From various sources, however, information was obtained to the effect that the name of German Foreign Minister Zimmermann will be laid before the Grand Jurors as supervisor of part of the Hindu conspiracy. The nature of the part played by Herr Zimmermann already has been told in *The Sun*, for he gave directions to Dr. Chakraborty and approved of the payments of money to him through Wolf von Izel.

In Conference With Anarchists.

Two points concerning which the Federal officials are making investigations have to do with a much broader range of activities of the two men than is contained in the charge on which they were arrested. Washington dispatches say the State Department has discovered a plot on the part of Germans to use Hindustani in a series of attacks upon the Government, both in continental United States and in the insular possessions.

One point which is being investigated is to ascertain to what extent Sekanna and Chakraborty were allied with anarchists in this city and throughout the country. Both are known to have visited anarchist centers in this city and to have been in consultation and secret gatherings with anarchists.

Another point is the wide acquaintance that the Hindu had with the New York. The officials found hundreds of letters that Chakraborty received from women, and some of them are in a "code" of words.

Treasurer Activities Recalled.

With the arrest of Sekanna and Chakraborty a large amount of information has come to light concerning the previous activities of the Germans in seeking to overthrow the British Government and to discover the whereabouts of the British Government in India. It was after the discovery of those plots that Chakraborty was selected by the German Government to start afresh, and then he made his trip to Berlin, where he met Government agents.

Prior to that time efforts were made in this country to fit out expeditions against India. In one instance Capt. Hans Tauscher sent a consignment of machine guns, rifles and several million rounds of ammunition to the Pacific coast, which was to be shipped to India on the ship *Annie Larsen*. The plot was discovered and the munitions were shipped back to this city, being stored for a long time in a warehouse in Houston street.

One of the men who has been active in raising Hindus in this country is Ram Chandra, an editor of a Hindu nationalist paper. He has communicated with Dr. Chakraborty, and in fact was in this city recently. It is said, however, that Chakraborty and Ram Chandra quarreled.

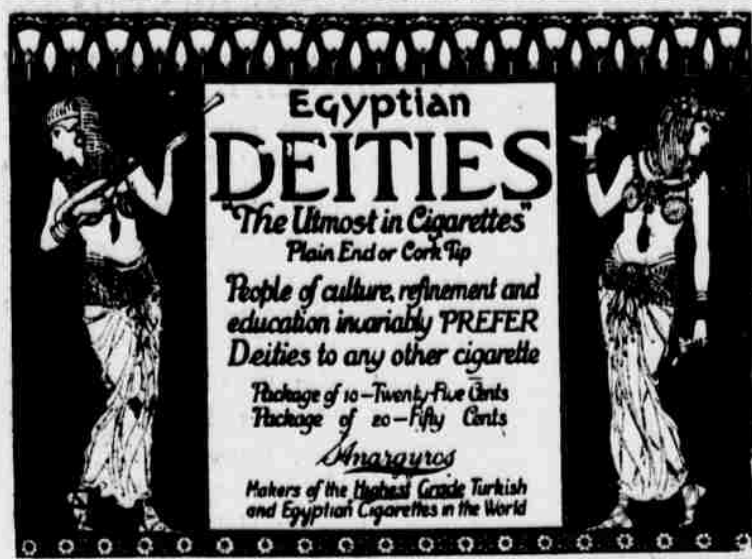
In another case of a movement to start an uprising in India about four years ago Hindu agents became very busy in British Columbia. They raised a large amount of money, with which they bought arms and ammunition for shipment secretly to India. In connection with those revelations a British agent named Wilkinson was stabbed.

PANAMA PLOT PROVED.

Berlin Knew of Arrests There Before Washington Did.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Germany's nationwide plot in the United States and particularly in Panama is now a matter of official record at the State Department. Officials here say that so far the surface has been scarcely scratched in bringing to light the extent and ramifications of the conspiracy. There is as yet no indication whether the whole highly organized German plan is to be diverted from its scheduled anti-British operations against interests of the United States, but the belief is general that in the event of war the German Foreign Office will at once direct that this latter course be followed.

Secretary Lansing said to-day that he did not feel at liberty to make public any of the information this Government has received while the investigations were progressing under direction of the Department of Justice. The first information came from the British secret



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GERMANY REPORTS MANY SHIPS SUNK

Tonnage Totalling 40,000
Sent Down in Mediterranean in Two Weeks.

BERLIN, March 8, by wireless.—Four armed steamships, two of them Allied transports, have been sunk within two weeks in the Mediterranean by German submarines, according to an Admiralty statement issued to-day. Four more steamships and seven sailing vessels of tonnage totalling 40,000 have been sunk in those waters, and the sinking of twenty-one steamships ten sailing vessels and sixteen fishing craft of 91,000 tons "recently" in regions unnamed is also announced. The statement says the following were among the vessels sunk:

"February 19.—A heavily laden transport steamer of about 8,000 tons, near Doravore, 2,550 tons, with parcels from Genoa to London.
"February 20.—Four sailing vessels with coal for Italy.
"February 21.—British transport steamer of about 8,000 tons, armed with 15 centimeter cannon and protected by trawlers; Greek steamer *Mioilis*, 2,918 tons, with cottonseed for London; both sunk south of Crete.
"February 26.—Armed British steamer *Clan Farquhar*, 5,855 tons, with cotton and coal for England.
"February 27.—Armed British steamer *Brodmore*, 4,071 tons, with frozen meat.
"One captain and two engineers were made prisoner."

The sinking of the steamers *Doravore* and *Clan Farquhar* has previously been reported.

The British steamer *Brodmore*, 365 feet long, was built in West Hartlepool in 1890 and was owned in London. The steamer *Mioilis* is probably the Greek vessel referred to. She was built in Sunderland in 1901. She was last reported having left Alexandria on January 12 for Oran and Hull.

The development adds to the handicap under which the State Department is working in its effort to continue friendly relations with Turkey despite the break with Germany. First word of the move came several days ago from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople, who called that Turkey would be glad to receive the new munitions on condition that they be accredited under the new form of exequatur. In replying that this Government could not consent to Americans being placed under Moslem law, the State Department emphasized that its position should not be considered a reflection on Turkish statutes.

Meanwhile negotiations still are in progress for continuance of the voyage of the American cruiser *Des Moines* and the naval collier *Cesar* from Alexandria to Beirut to deliver supplies for the Syrians and bring out American refugees.

In response to urgent cables from the Department for assurance of the safety of the vessels from submarines and rather indefinite reply and another saying he had not yet been able to get final word. Officials are much disappointed that the supplies are urgently needed by the Syrians and about 1,000 Americans await the ships at Beirut.

As it is understood here Turkey is willing to guarantee safe conduct so far as she herself is concerned, but has not been able to give similar assurances for her allies.

Turkey has not taken any action on the appointment of a new Ambassador since the name submitted to the State Department for several months ago was found to be unacceptable. The belief prevails here that she will not try to send on a new representative under present conditions.

"WILFUL MEN" FIND A FRIEND.
Oswald G. Villard Says They Did What They Thought Was Right.

The twelve filibustering Senators who made themselves notorious last week in Washington have one friend at least in New York. Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the *Evening Post*, speaking last night before the League of Foreign Born Citizens, declared that "despite the tremendous amount of vituperative abuse cast upon the twelve Senators they did what they thought was right."

Villard spoke on "Some Weaknesses of Journalism." He addressed a question on armed neutrality by declaring that his subject was the newspaper business. He declared, however, that "he wasn't afraid to express his views on this subject at any time."

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GERMAN BACKING PROMISED TO VILLA

Plot to Play Bandit Chief
Against Carranza and U. S.
Reported.

HELD OUT FOR MONEY

\$250,000 Gold Is Said to Have
Been Paid Over as the
First Instalment.

By Webb Miller, United Press Correspondent.

LAREDO, Tex., March 8.—Germany is playing Villa against Carranza. Great sums of German money are pouring into the bandit leader's hands, inciting him to activity against the United States and against Carranza, while at the same time German agents work through officials of the Carranza Government seeking to align that side against the United States.

I can state these facts on the highest authorities. Agents of the German Government in Mexico approached Francisco Villa in his headquarters at Bustillo's ranch about February 12 with a proposition to renew his raids on the border in case of a declaration of war between the United States and Germany. Two German agents reached the bandit leader. The conference extended over two days.

At first Villa demurred against any attack on the border in force under any circumstances. At length an agreement was reached that in case of war Villa would send small bands, as unattached bandits, to operate at widely separated points along the international line and to make sporadic forays to harass American troops.

Villa Demands Cash.

Under the terms of agreement the German agents promised to pay Villa 500,000 pesos (\$250,000) in gold at once to seal the compact. He refused to enter the plot until the first payment was handed over. They agreed to pay a large amount each month thereafter in case of war to enable Villa to pay his men, obtain ammunition and build up his shattered forces for a campaign.

After orders from Foreign Secretary Zimmermann reached Mexico city for an attempt to arrange an alliance with Mexico and Japan the Villa scheme was one of the first moves. One secret agent was sent north from the capital to San Luis Potosi, where he met another. From there they travelled by rail to Laredo, Villa's ranch, about forty miles west of Chihuahua city. At this point Villa

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WILSON IS WARNED BY A BERLIN PAPER

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should not take sides against a nation struggling for existence and which since the time of Frederick the Great has proved nothing but friendship for America.

The newspaper says it was a natural forethought for Germany to look around in search of new allies against a possible enemy. An alliance with Mexico had been planned only in case the American Government declared war against Germany.

Germany Wishes to Avoid War.

"Even to-day," says the newspaper, "we still wish to avoid war with the

United States. If America shares this wish, then Mexico's knowledge of our offer shall be limited to what President Wilson's Government itself has published about it. Which way the dice shall be cast depends upon the President. He alone, before history, has to bear the responsibility of his own country, which up to now still enjoys the blessings of peace and which ought to thank heaven as much as possible for this, now that we are involved in the horrors of a sanguinary war without any cogent necessity.

"As President Wilson now holds in his hands the lives of American citizens who disregard our warnings against the danger zone at sea, thus he also holds in his hands the fate of many thousands upon whom a further extension of the war would bring destruction, sorrow and death.

"No matter what decision he takes, whether he chooses war or peace, he shall not make us as victims of his choice from the road upon which we entered February 1."

MAN CENSUS IN WESTCHESTER.

John D. Rockefeller and Sam Mem-
bers of Committee.

Westchester county is to have a committee of public safety which, among its other duties, will secure the organization and enumeration of the men of the county fit for military or naval service. The objects of the committee are the protection of the property and lives of the people, the encouragement of patriotism and the conservation of the food supply.

The committee will number about 150. In the list already selected by Supervisor Charles D. Millard of Tarrytown are the names of John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, Finley L. Shepard, Adolph Lewisohn, William M. Ward and William Muldoon. William J. Thompson of Yonkers will be chairman.

The full membership will be announced Monday. The idea of the defense committee originated with Senator George A. Slater.

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Write or telephone or otherwise communicate with your representative in the State Legislature and tell him that you feel that this bill should be enacted.

He will appreciate your interest.

The time is short; get in communication with him TODAY.

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